Lauds Propers

Monday Week III

28 Mar 2011

Invitatory Psalm Antiphon

Come, today, and listen to his voice: do not harden your *hearts.*

First Psalm

Psalm 84

Longing for the Lord's temple

Cantor: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, *Lord.*

East Choir:
How delightful is your dwelling-place, Lord **of** hosts! *
My soul is weak with longing for the courts of your palace.
My heart and my body rejoice in the living *God.*
Even the sparrow finds itself **a** home, *
the swallow a nest to raise her young –
in your altars, O Lord,
Lord of strength, my king and my *God.*
Blessed are they who dwell in **your** house: *
they will praise you for e*ver.*
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, *Lord.*

West Choir:
Blessed the man whose help comes **from** you, *
who has set his heart on climbing to *you.*
They pass through the valley **of** thirst *
and make a spring there:
the morning rain will cover it with *blessings.*
They will go from strength **to** strength: *
they will see the God of gods, in Zion.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, *Lord.*

East Choir:
Lord God of hosts, listen to my **pray**er; *
hear me, O God of Ja*cob.*
Take notice of us, God our pro**tec**tor, *
and look on the face of your anointed one.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, *Lord.*

West Choir:
One day in the courts of **my** God *
is worth more than a thousand else*where.*
I would rather be at the doorstep of the house of **my** God *
than live in the dwellings of sin*ners.*
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, *Lord.*

East Choir:
For the Lord my God is my sun and **my** shield. *
The Lord gives grace and glo*ry.*
He will not deny his **good** things *
to those who walk in puri*ty.*
Blessed is he who trusts **in** you, *
O Lord of *hosts.*

Full Choir:
(profound bow)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit, *
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*

Cantor:

Bless your people, Lord. You have given us the law that we may walk from strength to strength and raise our minds to you from this valley of tears. May we receive the gifts you have gained for us.

Full Choir:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, *Lord.*

Canticle

Isaiah 2

The mountain of the house of the Lord

Cantor:

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the *Lord.*

East Choir:

In the last days, at the end **of** time, *
the mountain of the house of the Lord
will be prepared high above all moun*tains.*
It will be raised above **the** hills *
and all nations will come to it.

West Choir:

And many peoples will come there **and** say *
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Ja*cob.*
Let him teach us **his** ways, *
so that we may walk in his *paths*."
For from Zion the law will **go** forth, *
from Jerusalem the word of the *Lord.*

East Choir:

And he will judge the **na**tions *
and rebuke many peo*ples.*
They will beat their swords into **plough**shares *
and their spears into sic*kles.*
Nation will lift sword against nation no **lon**ger. *
No longer will they go out into bat*tle.*

West Choir:

People of Ja**cob,** come: *
let us walk in the light of the *Lord.*

Full Choir:
(profound bow)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit, *
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*

Full Choir:

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the *Lord.*

Second Psalm

Psalm 96

The Lord, the universal King and judge

Cantor:

O sing to the Lord, bless his *name.*

East Choir:

Sing a new song to **the** Lord, *
sing to the Lord, all the *earth.*
Sing to the Lord, bless **his** name; *
day after day, proclaim his saving po*wer.*
Proclaim his glory to the **na**tions, *
proclaim to all peoples the wonders he has *done.*
O sing to the Lord, bless his *name.*

West Choir:

For the Lord is great; great is the praise we **owe** him, *
he is to be feared above all *gods.*
The gods of the nations are fool**ish**ness, *
but the Lord made the hea*vens.*
Majesty and splendour are all a**bout** him, *
power and honour in his holy *place.*
O sing to the Lord, bless his *name.*

East Choir:

Bring to the Lord, clans of the **peo**ples, *
bring to the Lord glory and power,
bring to the Lord the glory that belongs to his *name.*
Bring your offerings, enter **his** courts, *
worship the Lord in holy atti*re.*
Tremble at his presence, all **the** earth. *
Say to the nations: "The Lord *reigns*!"
For he has set the world firm, so that it cannot be **sha**ken, *
and he will judge the peoples with fair*ness.*
O sing to the Lord, bless his *name.*

West Choir:

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth **be** glad, *
let the sea and its fulness re*sound.*
The fields will rejoice, and all that is **in** them, *
all the trees of the woods will rejoice
at the Lord's presence – for he comes,
for he comes to judge the *earth.*
He will judge all the world with **jus**tice. *
He will judge all the peoples with fair*ness.*

Full Choir:
(profound bow)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit, *
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*

Cantor:

Lord, you have renewed the face of the earth. Your Church throughout the world sings you a new song, announcing your wonders to all. Through a virgin, you have brought forrth a new birth in our world; through your miracles, a new power; through your suffering, a new patience; in your resurrection, a new hope, and in your ascension, new majesty.

Full Choir:

O sing to the Lord, bless his *name.*

Reading

Exodus 19:4-6

Lector: You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

(Silent Reflection)

Responsory

Lector: He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.
Full Choir: – *He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.*
Lector: And from evil slander.
Full Choir: – *He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.*
Lector: (all: profound bow) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Full Choir: – *He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.*

Benedictus Antiphon

I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own coun*try.*

Intercessions

Lector: Blessed be Jesus our saviour, who by his death has opened for us the path to salvation. Let us pray: *Lord, guide your people on the straight path.*
Full Choir: – *Lord, guide your people on the straight path.*
Lector: Merciful God, in baptism you gave us new life:
day by day may we become more like you.
Full Choir: – *Lord, guide your people on the straight path.*
Lector: Give us the gift today of giving joy to the poor by our gifts:
in helping them, may we find you.
Full Choir: – *Lord, guide your people on the straight path.*
Lector: May we do what is good, right and true in your sight:
may we seek you always with all our heart.
Full Choir: – *Lord, guide your people on the straight path.*
Lector: Whatever disunity we have brought to your family, forgive it, kind Lord:
make us one heart and one spirit together.
Full Choir: – *Lord, guide your people on the straight path.*

Prayer

God of mercy, free your Church from sin and protect it from evil. Guide us, for we cannot be saved without you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.